



WEDNESDAY EVENING, APR. 22, 1908.

## From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., April 22.

The State Board of Education has adopted a single list of books for the public schools as far as compatible with the interests of the parents, and the list was published in yesterday's Gazette. In the selection made, the board, it is understood, aimed to choose the least expensive publications, provided they were satisfactory in standard and were well printed and durable. Quality and price and adaptability to use in the schools of the cities and of the counties were the chief considerations. The board did not attempt a sweeping and rigid change from the multiple list to the single list, realizing that such a change would work a greater hardship than the retention of the multiple list. By the action of the board the price of school books in Virginia will be greatly reduced and a considerable burden thus taken from the parents whose children attend the schools. One of the main features of the new plan is that it no longer imposes on local school boards the ultimate choice of books and the responsibility thereof, but assumes that responsibility itself.

In reference to the new single book list we agree with the Petersburg Index Appeal, which says:

We regret that the board in its adoption did not see fit to include on the list the works of those eminent Virginia text-book writers whose names are familiar to the elder generation. There are Venable's arithmetics and algebras; Maury's series of geographies; Holmes' and McGuffey's readers; Holmes' history of the United States and others, from which thousands of Virginia men and women received their knowledge of these subjects. Just why the children of the present generation cannot use the same books which were common in the schools twenty or twenty-five years ago we cannot see. It is absurd to contend that any modern writer was a better geographer than Matthew F. Maury, or that any of our latter day mathematicians was superior to Colonel C. S. Venable, or that the compilers of school readers nowadays are superior in culture and competency to Professor George F. Holmes, or to Professor McGuffey. It is questionable, too, whether the children of today are being any better trained in these common school branches than were the children of preceding generations. Progress is desirable when there is any real progress, but a mere change made to please a publisher is all wrong.

The City Council did a good work last night when, without discussion and by a unanimous vote in both branches, it passed the ordinance providing for the refunding of the city's debt. This debt by the wise and conservative action of those who have had its management in charge since the issue of 1879 have reduced the amount from over \$1,000,000 to \$745,000 (\$300,000) and by the sinking fund provision in the new ordinance the entire debt will be gradually retired. Under its provisions for the first ten years a sum equal to one per cent. of the entire debt is set aside for retiring the bonds. The bonds thus retired at the expiration of this period are to be cancelled and for the next ten years a sum equal to one and one-half per cent. on the remaining outstanding debt is set aside as a sinking fund; then for the third period of ten years a sum equal to two per cent. on the remaining outstanding bonds is to be set aside as a sinking fund and by that time it is expected that the debt will be well in hand as not to be an embarrassment to the city, as it is at present. The rate of interest is set at four per cent. and the offer is made to the holders of the present bonds, which bear 3.65 per cent. interest, to accept the new bonds at the increased interest rate one year in advance of the time of the falling due of the former. This is a liberal proposition and it is believed that the large majority of the holders of the city's obligations will avail themselves of its provisions and exchange the old for the new bonds.

Mr. SAMUEL GOMPERS presided the justices of the United States Supreme Court at the big labor meeting at Grand Central Palace, in New York, on Sunday. This is all wrong. Mr. Gompers is the head of a labor organization composed largely of working men. The lawful rights of these men are protected by the courts, but if they are taught to disregard the law and defy the interpreters and construers thereof by the highest court in the land then will there be a condition of affairs in this country bordering on anarchy. To obey the law and those in authority is better advice than that given by Mr. Gompers.

## LOUDOUN LAND SALES.

Dr. Joseph M. Fox, of Leesburg, one of the wealthiest citizens of Loudoun county, has sold his home, Montrose, to Mr. James French, of Washington, for \$18,000. The farm contains about 200 acres.

The farm of the late Margaret Myers, near Pocomoke Springs, has been purchased by F. S. Compher for \$75 an acre. The F. W. Birdsell land, near Lincoln, Va., has been sold to the Emancipation Association of Loudoun county for \$125 an acre.

## News of the Day.

Thirty-nine out of 62 counties and towns yesterday voted to retain their schools in the second big contest of the year in Illinois.

Sensors Bacon and Money yesterday criticized the cruise of the battleship fleet to the east as dangerous to peace between the United States and the Orient.

Figuring on the basis furnished by the returns for the first two quarters, the deficiency in the Postoffice Department for the current fiscal year will exceed \$15,000,000.

John Reed, his wife and two daughters were seriously injured and a loss of \$5,000 was sustained by a natural gas explosion at the Reed residence, at Rochester Pa., yesterday.

A strike affecting the entire western line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad is believed to be imminent as the result of the refusal of the road to re-establish relations with the mechanics' union.

Notwithstanding the fact that the sentiment of the Senate is believed to be opposed to any increase in the House programme for the building of two battleships, an effort will be made to double that number.

Representatives of 774 daily newspapers, gathered at the annual meeting of the Associated Press, yesterday decided to urge the president and Congress to grant relief from the excessive prices of the paper trust.

In the Senate yesterday the naval appropriation bill was taken up and considered during the most of the afternoon. In the discussion the sending of the battleship fleet around the world was condemned. Mr. Beveridge urged an appropriation for four battleships.

After a wild run of a mile, caused by the reverse lever falling to work, an engine and flat car on the Lehigh Valley Lumber Company's log road today jumped the track near Williamsport, Pa. Of the 25 Italian laborers riding on the flat car, 4 were killed, 8 others will die and 7 were badly injured.

After a brief trial a verdict of murder in the second degree was today returned in Baltimore against William Miller, an 18-year-old youth, for the slaying of his 16-year-old sweetheart, Anna Grace Bohler, in her home at Hampden, a northern suburb of Baltimore, on December 10 last.

In a bill introduced in the House yesterday by Representative Hobson, of Alabama, \$50,000 is appropriated for the appointment of a committee by the president to investigate the number of persons killed in the industrial trades and to report to Congress a plan to reduce the number of such casualties.

Cairo, Ill., went "wet" by a majority of 3,352 in the local option election yesterday. Cairo has 70 saloons, which will continue in business. The only other place in Alexander county where local option was voted upon was at Thebes, which went "dry" by a vote of 95 to 83. Thebes has six saloons.

At the republican State convention at Concord, N. H., yesterday, unpledged delegates to Chicago were elected. The anti-Taft faction was strong. A move to table a resolution of preference for the secretary of war passed by a vote of 700 to 86. Of the six delegates named, however, two are avowed supporters of the candidacy of the Ohioan.

The House committee on appropriations has inserted in the sundry civil bill a clause prohibiting the use of any money appropriated by the bill for the secret service in carrying out any secret service work other than the guarding of the president and the detection and prevention of counterfeiting. The insertion of this clause was prompted by complaint that the secret service was being used by the various departments in "shadowing" and other detective work for officials.

## Virginia News.

An expert is investigating a new insect which is preying upon oysters in the Chesapeake section of Virginia.

The body of A. B. Stratton, jr., who committed suicide last September, was plover up on an island in the James river 25 miles from Lynchburg yesterday.

That the Camp Manufacturing Company may renew contracts to cut part of 900,000,000 feet of lumber in Virginia was decided by Judge West at Lawrenceville. Judge West decides that the Camp Company may have ten years in which to cut several million feet.

Joseph L. Rawlings has been appointed carrier and Frank A. Rawlings substitute on Route No. 1, at Bristol, and Willie E. Harris carrier and Fenton H. Harris substitute on Route No. 2, at Bristol. Daniel B. Bell, jr., has been appointed carrier on Route No. 3, at Manassas, and Walter H. Haydon carrier and Richard O. Haydon substitute on Route No. 3 at Manassas.

## HEART TURNED AROUND.

Surgeons bending over the opened body of Judge John E. McKeligan, of St. Louis, as it lay on the operating table at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, several hours after he had died of a terrible malady, were astonished as they looked within the cavity to discover that instead of the usual setting of the organs, those in the body were scattered about in almost unbelievable places.

His heart was turned in a position opposite the lungs, his kidneys were united by a ligament in the shape of a horseshoe, and the liver was upside down, with the gall bladder on top. Many of the smaller organs were a chaos of entangling cords and fatty substances.

How Judge McKeligan lived with such a strange transposition of the machinery of his body appears marvelous. Surgeons are mystified at it. Whether he was born with his organs in abnormal positions or they were put in this state through disease or some freak of nature is not known.

## Forty Million Dollar Loan.

New York, April 22.—Formal announcement is expected today of the issue of \$40,000,000 bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad and all Wall Street is rejoicing over the loan. The ability of the Pennsylvania to secure this enormous sum following the period of financial depression, financiers think, proves the end of the panic. It is stated that good authority that the bonds will be for a long term, will bear 4 per cent. dividend and have been sold at 96. A loan on the Pennsylvania terminal property here will guarantee their security.

## City Council.

There was a short session of the City Council last night, the meeting having been called for the purpose of acting on an ordinance prepared by the finance committee providing for the issue of bonds in the sum of \$745,000, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent., beginning July 1, 1908, which will mature July 1, 1938, for the purpose of refunding the city debt, consisting of outstanding bonds of the above-named amount dated July 1, 1879, and which will mature July 1, 1909. Bonds will be in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. The ordinance continues the present sinking fund commission, consisting of the mayor, city treasurer, auditor, president of the board of aldermen, and president of the common council, and provides that the city council shall pay annually into this fund, between July 1, 1908, and July 1, 1918, not less than 1 per cent. of the amount of the bond issue; between July 1, 1918, and July 1, 1928, 1 1/2 per cent. on the bonds then outstanding; and between July 1, 1928, until 1938, 2 per cent. on the bonds outstanding.

Mr. Sweeney, from the finance committee, presented the ordinance, and in doing so made a succinct statement regarding its purpose and other matters in relation thereto.

Mr. Marbury said the finance committee had shown good judgment in all they had done in connection with the work which had been laid upon them. This ordinance, after having been read three times was passed by a unanimous vote.

A report of the committee on streets recommending an appropriation of \$2,000 for the improvement of Fayette street from Duke to Princess, received from the Common Council at the last meeting, was adopted.

Several papers which had been referred upon by the lower board were subsequently received and their action concurred in after which the board adjourned.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

The excitement incident to the election held in the Second ward yesterday caused quite a gathering in front of the City Hall last night and among the number were the members of the City Council who were to meet at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of considering the ordinance providing for the issuance of \$745,000 4 per cent. bonds, in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, respectively, and bearing date of July 1, 1908, which are to be used for refunding the bond issue of 1879.

The committee on finance in conjunction with the Auditor and sinking fund commissioners had prepared a circular letter explanatory of the new issue, stating that the city would prefer exchanging bond for bond with the present holders rather than offer them for sale whereby a slight premium might be secured.

When the ordinance came in from the Board of Aldermen, having been adopted by that board.

The Chair took occasion to say that the ordinance had been carefully prepared by the Corporation Attorney, finance committee and the sinking fund commissioners. He was of the opinion that every precaution had been taken in the preparation of said paper and hoped that the matter would be settled quickly. He did not make these suggestions, however, in order to cut off debate, but only to expedite business.

Mr. Uhler inquired as to whether the money necessary for the execution of these matters had been provided for, and suggested the passage of an ordinance making an appropriation.

The Chair stated that the next meeting of Council—April 28—would be time enough to consider this matter.

The ordinance was placed on its passage and the vote resulted—Ayes, 16; noes, none.

The Chair stated that the meeting was adjourned on April 14, and was for a specific purpose, and that it would require unanimous consent to consider other propositions, but as there were urgent matters which should be considered he would ask action on two items of legislation. One was the communication from the School Board asking Council to take up the matter of a new building for the girls' school. This at his request was referred to the committee on finance.

Another matter was a proposal from Mr. Arthur Bryant to purchase a lot on the old canal property with the proposal being a certified check for \$100 as evidence of good faith. This was referred to the committee on finance and public property. In connection with this it was understood that Mr. Bryant would establish a manufacturing plant to cost not less than \$5,000 and to employ a number of men.

The committee on streets reported in favor of the petition of C. E. Roberts to extend the bay window of his residence on Queen street, provided that there was no objection on the part of the abutting property owners.

Mr. Uhler objected to the last clause in the committee's report and said that Council should face these matters and take the responsibility and not place it on the property owners, or else compel builders to conform strictly to the letter of the law.

The Chair said that neighbors possessed the right to object and he could see no reason for changing existing custom.

Mr. Spinks thought there were many superfluous laws on the statute books, and called Mr. Uhler's attention to many violations of building regulations.

Mr. Harrison said he had seen the work Mr. Roberts was having done and thought he would comply with the law and not extend the window beyond the limit.

The report of the committee was agreed to.

The petition of Mr. Lloyd E. Spittle to build two frame houses on Duke street was granted.

Mr. Birrell brought up an urgent matter from his ward. Mr. M. L. Diawidde was building at the corner of Cameron and Alfred streets, but was having trouble on account of an incompetent sewer on the streets referred to. He said Mr. Diawidde was building a house valued at about five thousand dollars, and asked that discretionary power be granted the street committee so that they could assist Mr. Diawidde in connecting the property with the sewer.

Mr. Evans said that was a matter for the City Engineer and committee on streets. Nothing further appearing Council adjourned.

## Today's Telegraphic News.

From Richmond.

(Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)

Richmond, Va., April 22.—Ex-Senator William P. Burks died at 2:30 this morning at his home in Halifax county, after a long illness of consumption.

Daniel Harman, attorney and member of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, is critically ill and four physicians are attending him. He had a spasm followed by gastric hemorrhage.

It is learned at the office of the corporation commission that C. Haskins, cashier of the Chase City branch of the Bank of Mecklenburg, who was arrested yesterday for allowing the Kershaw Manufacturing Company to borrow \$25,000 without the knowledge of the directors, is himself treasurer of the Kershaw Company. Another officer in the company is B. E. Cogbill who borrowed so heavily from the Bank of Mecklenburg.

Death of Ex-Premier Campbell-Bannerman.

London, April 22.—Former Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman died at 9:15 a. m. today. He had been ill for many weeks and resigned his office less than a month ago owing to the growing seriousness of his condition. He succumbed to heart disease.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was the first liberal prime minister in England since Lord Rosebery's surrender of the governmental reins in 1895. He was born September 7, 1836, in Forfarshire, Scotland, the son of Sir James Campbell, of Strathcath. He assumed the additional name of Bannerman under the will of an uncle, was educated at Glasgow University and Trinity College, Cambridge, and entered early upon political life, following the same up to a short time ago. Illness and advancing age began to tell on him several months ago, and when King Edward was preparing for his recent vacation in France he did not try hard to conceal the fact that he deemed Sir Henry's resignation desirable. The premier realized the precarious position of his party, however, and his own ability to hold it together and ignored all his majesty's hints. The king had not been gone many weeks, however, before Sir Henry's physicians made him realize that his only hope of life lay in absolute rest and Sunday night, April 5, his resignation was announced. Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith, who had been acting party leader and premier during his chief illness, succeeded him.

Rounding up Revolutionaries.

Madrid, April 22.—Revolutionaries, anarchists and republican leaders at Lisbon are being quietly rounded up by the police, according to dispatches from Portuguese capital, a precaution against an anti-government demonstration when King Manuel opens the new cortes, next Wednesday. His majesty's advisors have strongly advised against the young monarch's public appearance in the cortes, in view of the republicans' claim that election frauds were responsible for the choice of a monarchical assembly, but Manuel fears his prestige will suffer if he shows signs of fear. The suspects will be held in prison until after the assembly's opening. Tramped-up charges are being preferred against them under which there will be no attempt at prosecution after the danger is over.

Tossed by Street Car.

Chicago, April 22.—While attempting to cross Webster avenue today Miss Bertha Marcus was picked up by the fender of a southbound car, tossed twenty feet forward to the fender of a northbound car and then thrown to a standing position to one side of the car. The feat was accomplished in a fraction less than two seconds. In crossing the street the young woman became confused when she saw two cars approaching from opposite directions. She stopped in the center of the track in front of the southbound car. The motorman put on brakes, but before he could stop the car she was struck and hurled into the air. Miss Marcus carried a purse when she went up and still held it in her hand when she came down the last time.

Cabrera's Vengeance.

City of Mexico, April 22.—Just how many persons have given their lives for Monday's attempt at the assassination of President Cabrera of Guatemala is uncertain. The most rigid censorship has been placed on all outgoing messages from Guatemala City and every effort has been made by the Guatemalan government to minimize both the extent of the conspiracy and the accounts of Cabrera's vengeance. The formal trials of the suspects are set for the first of next week, but there are rumors that several of whose guilt Cabrera was probably convinced but against whom he presumably believed the evidence too weak to warrant convictions, have been quietly put to death in prison.

Murder and Suicide.

Norwood, Mass., April 22.—More than two years of anxious watching against her husband was of little use to Mrs. E. Munroe Boyden, who is dying today from the effects of a bullet fired by the man enraged because she had divorced him. Many times since their divorce Boyden had threatened to kill his wife. Last night he eluded the police, who have been watching him, came to the house where his wife lived with her two sons, pulled a revolver and opened fire. Mrs. Boyden fell shot through the lungs. Another bullet slightly wounded their eldest son. Then Boyden fired two shots into his own body and died almost instantly.

The Socialists.

Chicago, April 22.—That the socialist party will poll a vote of 1,200,000 is the expectation of its national secretary, J. Mahlon Barnes. The socialist national convention will be held in Chicago beginning May 10. Eugene V. Debs and William D. Haywood are the most important candidates for the presidential nomination. A large proportion of the delegates will be women, says Barnes, and several millionaires are also attend.

New York Stock Market.

New York, April 22.—The stock market this morning was dominated wholly by manipulative orders coming from both banking interests and various pools that lifted prices without much regard to new conditions. Railroad stocks generally made fractional gains and in some cases advances of over one point were scored.

## China and Japan.

Shanghai, April 22.—The mikado's implied threat of hostilities unless China immediately calls off the anti-Japanese boycott has only strengthened the popular hatred of the islanders.

The Chinese government is plainly frightened. The foreign board explained nervously to the mikado's diplomatic representative that everything possible will be done to allay feeling against his people, but the government is really powerless—and knows it—to check the boycott's spread. The answer to Monday's announcement that a Japanese fleet would visit Chinese waters was the cause of a multitude of meetings at important cities all over the empire to extend and strengthen the determination to have nothing further to do with Japan.

English traders in the east are openly urging the Chinese not to yield. The Japanese battleships and cruisers which have arrived at Amoy on their way to join the British squadron on its series of visits to Chinese ports, met with a frosty reception. The officials of the port extended only the most formal courtesies and the civilian population, from the richest merchants to dock laborers, is completely ignoring the vessel's presence.

Thaw's Application.

White Plains, N. Y., April 22.—Justice of the Supreme Court Murcheson will give a hearing in chambers this afternoon to Attorney James G. Graham, of Newburgh, on the latter's application for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Harry K. Thaw. The writ, if granted, will be directed against the superintendent of the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan and will call upon him to show cause why Thaw should not be released. If the present plans are followed the proceedings this afternoon will be entirely formal. Graham will be granted an order directing that Thaw be produced in court at a later day when the real fight for his freedom will be begun.

Increased Circulation.

New York, April 22.—Wall street interests were informed today that in the last five weeks the cash of local clearing house banks has increased \$37,738,400, an average of nearly \$3,000,000 weekly. The inflow of money is large, is the best indication seen in a long time that there is really a general improvement in business conditions. Reports that money is also piling up in the principal cities of the interior that are prominent as money reserve centers, the financiers say, indicate business is gradually recovering from the recent depression.

Conditions in Chester.

Chester, Pa., April 22.—Street cars are running on all the lines in this city today and the general situation looks better than it has been at any time since the employees of the traction company went out on strike ten days ago. There was no disorder last night or this morning and it is generally believed that a compromise offer will be made by the street railway officials. Conditions are so satisfactory that one hundred of the members of the State police will leave the city within a couple of days.

Militia After Night Riders.

Louisville, Ky., April 22.—Trigg county, the hot bed of night riders, is to be invaded by the militia, and the State will make every effort to break up the organization in what it is considered its home. General Roger Williams will be in command. Troops are expected to reach Cadiz today. It is reported the Trigg county riders will fight before submitting to arrest. The bands that raided Brimstone, Hopkinsville, Russellville and Eddyville are reported to have come principally from Trigg county.

Hitch in Divorce Proceedings.

New York, April 22.—A sudden hitch is reported today in the suit of Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt for divorce. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, mother of the young multi-millionaire, is said to have intervened with a new plan for a reconciliation which has temporarily halted proceedings. So confident is she of being able to unite the couple that Referee McClure and the attorneys on both sides are said to have agreed to delay the case until the outcome of the negotiations is known.

Found Husband Dead.

Alliance, O., April 22.—Mrs. John Learmonth, wife of the general freight agent of the Lake Erie, Alliance and Wheeling Railroad, descended the stairs for breakfast today she found the dead body of her husband, who left her seemingly well and happy a few minutes before, lying on the floor of the living room. Learmonth was 40 years old, and his death is supposed to have resulted from heart disease.

Raid Big Gambling Club.

Atlantic City, April 22.—The Manhattan Club, the most exclusive social organization of this resort, whose membership includes many New York and Philadelphia millionaires, was raided today for alleged gambling. A roulette wheel and other gambling paraphernalia were found and confiscated by the raiders. The onslaught on this club gave the resort its first real sensation of the season.

Temporary Injunction Granted.

Chicago, April 22.—Federal Judge Kohlsaat today granted a temporary injunction restraining express companies from carrying merchandise free of charge for their agents, officers or families of the same, or those of other lines, which is held to be in violation of the Hepburn act.

LEAGUE BASEBALL GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

New York, 16; Washington, 13.

Philadelphia, 4; Boston, 0.

Cleveland, 6; Chicago, 1.

St. Louis, 8; Detroit, 5.

HOW THEY STAND.

W. L. P. 1; C. 1; B. 1; S. 1; N. 1; A. 1; P. 1.

Chicago, 5; 1; 333; Cincinnati, 3; 2; 500.

New York, 5; 1; 333; Brooklyn, 3; 4; 429.

Boston, 4; 3; 571; Detroit, 1; 4; 280.

Philadelphia, 3; 3; 429; Wash., 1; 5; 157.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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Cincinnati, 9; Pittsburgh, 4.

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The Market.

Georgetown, D. C., April 22.—Wheat 91-96.

## Official.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held April 21, 1908, there were present:

J. B. C. CURTIN, President, and Messrs. Hill, Brill, Marbury, Ballenger, Sweeney and Sammers.

An ordinance to provide for the issue of \$745,000 of registered or non-registered coupon bonds of the city of Alexandria for the purpose of refunding or redeeming the outstanding bonds of the city of Alexandria, issued and dated July 1, 1879, and to provide for a sinking fund, as required by law, was presented by Mr. Sweeney. The ordinance was read three times and passed by the following vote: Messrs. Hill, Brill, Marbury, Ballenger, Sweeney, Sammers and Mr. President—7 Yeas, none.

The following were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in by unanimous vote:

Report of the Committee on Streets on a petition of C. E. Roberts for permission to extend the second-story bay window to house No. 578 Queen street.

Report of the same committee on a petition of Lloyd E. Spittle for permission to build two 6 room frame houses on the north side of Duke street near Patrick.

Communication from W. M. Smith, chairman of the building committee of the City School Board, asking Council to take action toward the construction of a new school building for girls.

Communication from J. K. M. Norton, enclosing a proposal from Arthur Bryant for the purchase of property owned by the city near the outlet of the old Alexandria Canal.

The report of the Committee on Streets recommending an appropriation of \$2,000 for the improvement of Fayette street, from Duke to Princess, laid over at the last meeting, was passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Hill, Brill, Marbury, Ballenger, Sweeney, Sammers and Mr. President—7 Yeas, none.

The board then adjourned.

J. B. C. CURTIN, President.

Teste: LUTHER H. THOMPSON, Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, Va., held April 21st, 1908, for the purpose of considering an issue of bonds, there were present: Robert Sweeney, President, and Messrs. Leadrester, Burke, Rishell, Strauss, Williams, Brill, Bander, Birrell, Monroe, Hellmuth, Harrison, Uhler, Marshall, Spinks and Evans.

An ordinance to provide for the issue of seven hundred and forty-five thousand dollars of registered and non-registered coupon bonds of the city of Alexandria for the purpose of refunding or redeeming the outstanding bonds of the city of Alexandria, issued and dated July 1st, 1879, and to provide for a sinking fund as required by law, was presented by Mr. Sweeney and read the second and third times and passed—ayes 16, (full board); noes 0.